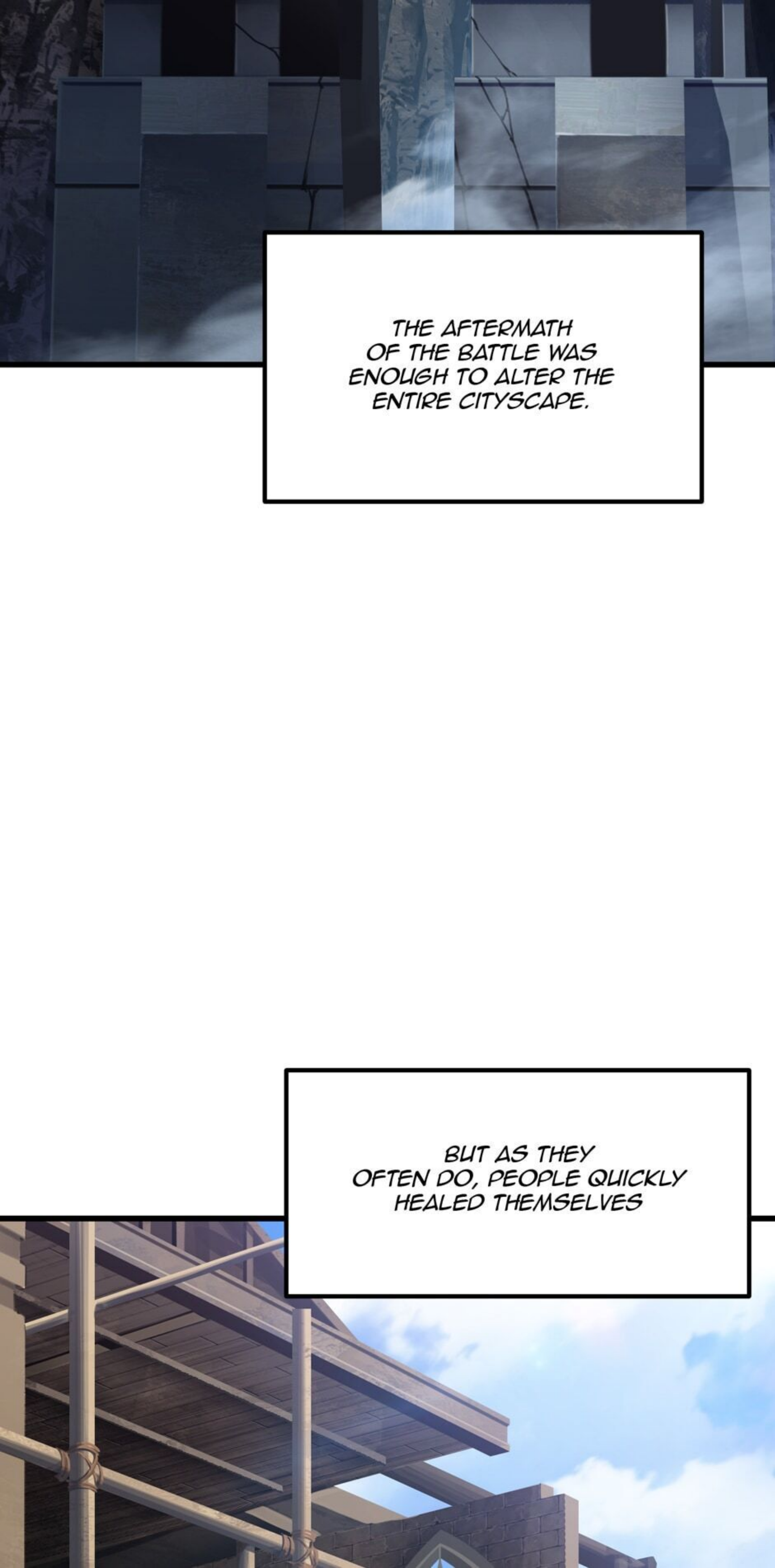
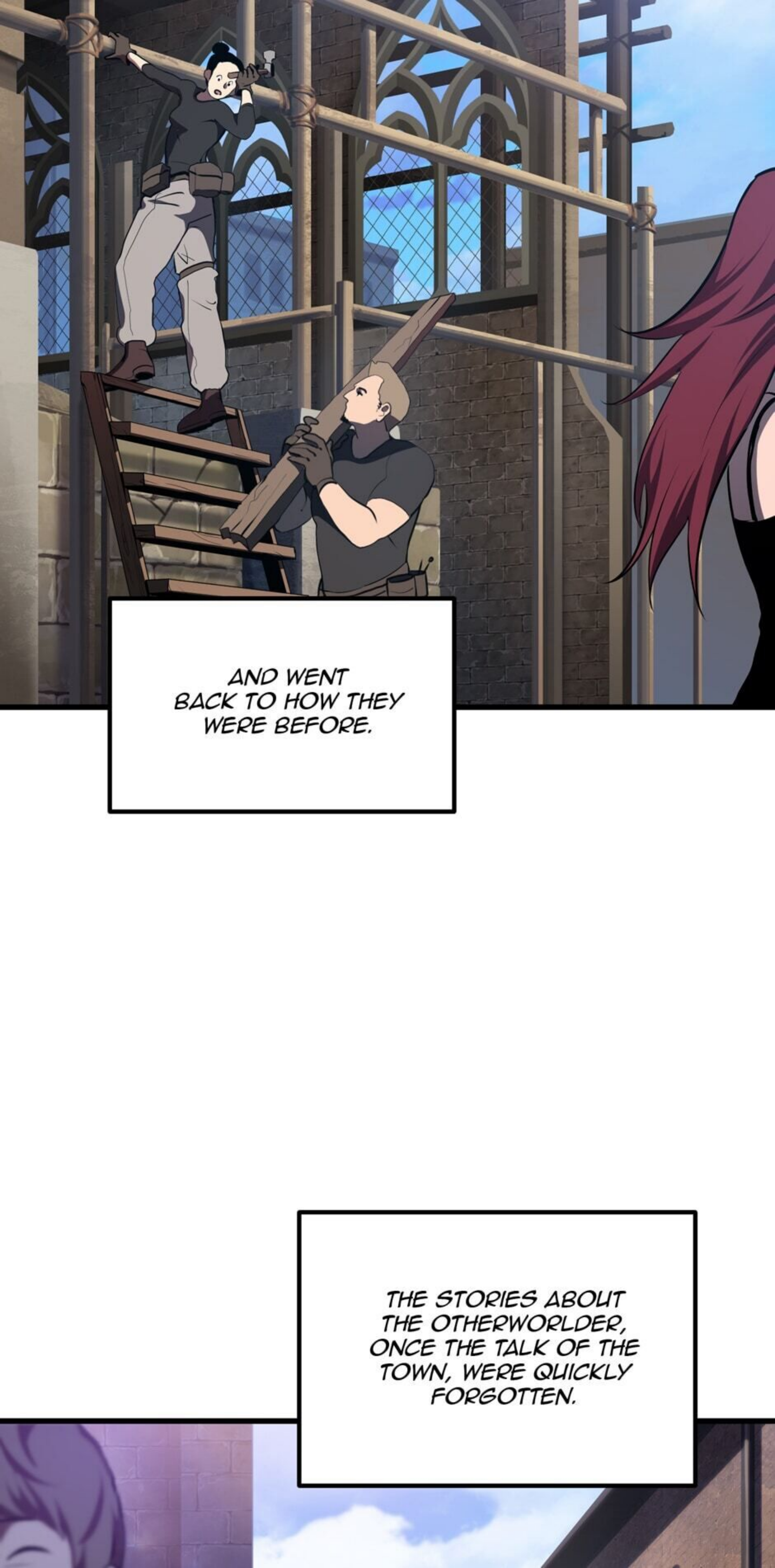
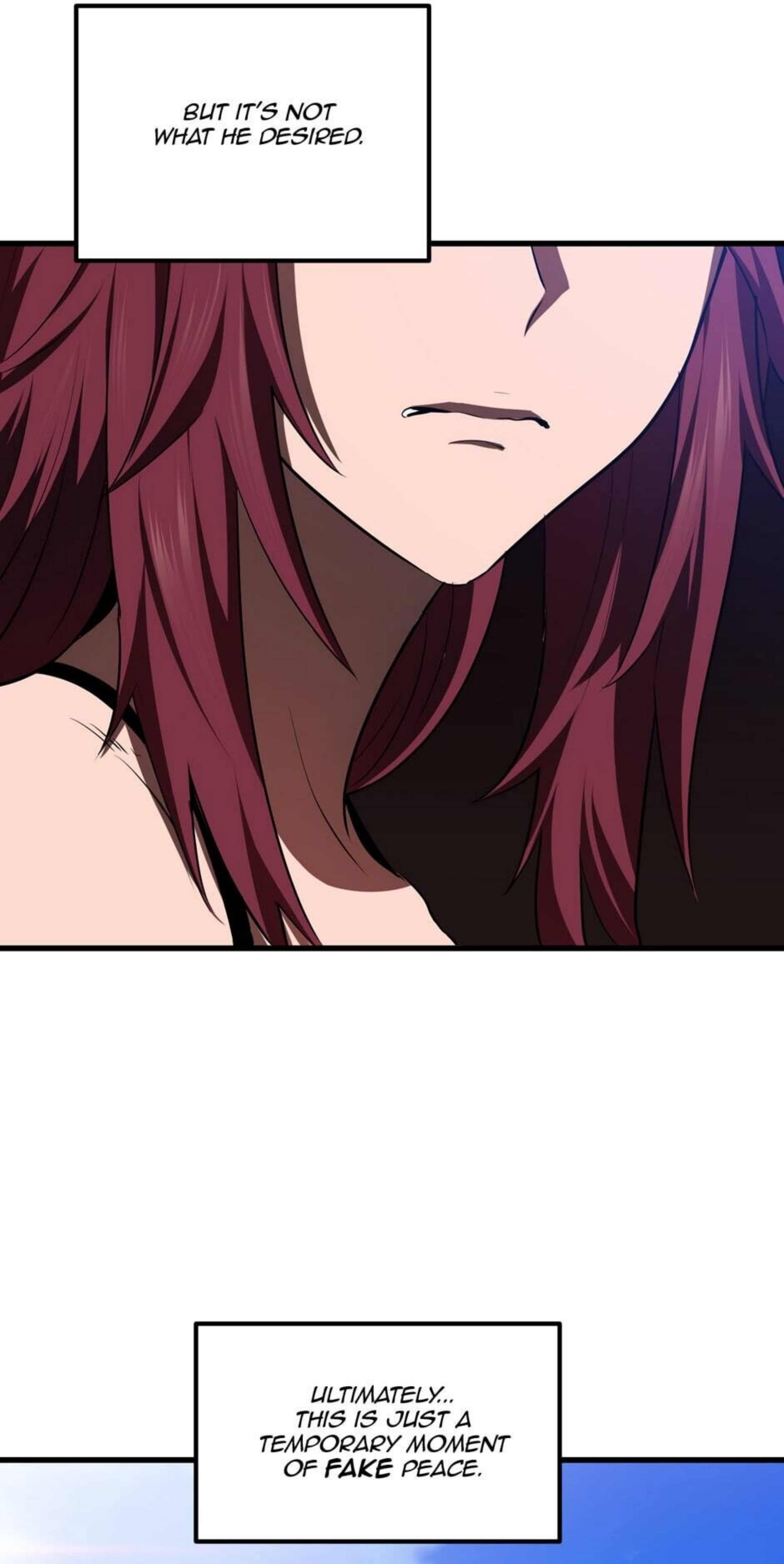
ONE WEEK LATER.

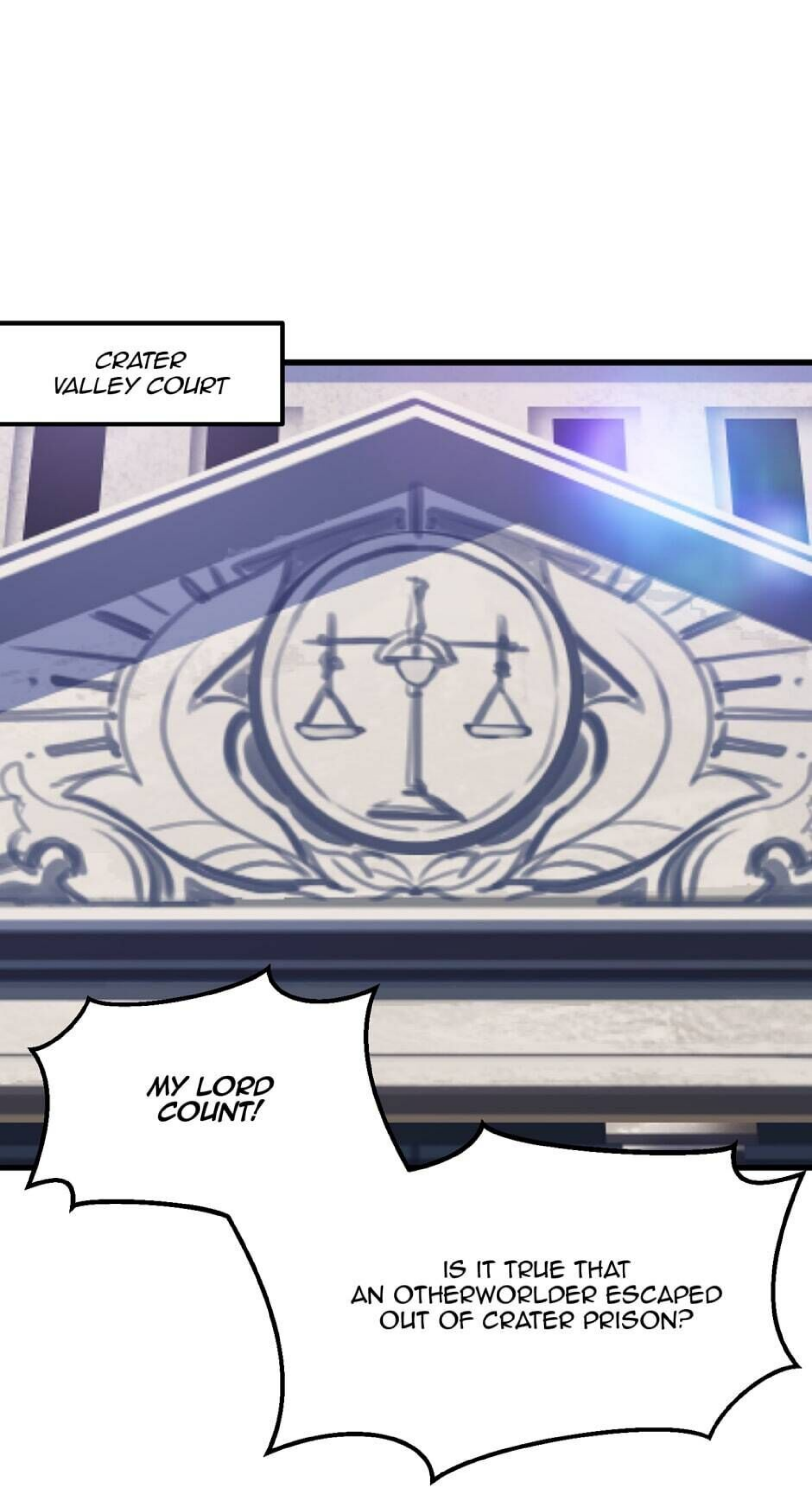

THE AFTERMATH OF THE BATTLE WAS ENOUGH TO ALTER THE ENTIRE CITYSCAPE.
BUT AS THEY OFTEN DO, PEOPLE QUICKLY HEALED THEMSELVES


AND WENT BACK TO HOW THEY WERE BEFORE.
THE STORIES ABOUT THE OTHERWORLDER, ONCE THE TALK OF THE TOWN, WERE QUICKLY FORGOTTEN.

THIS MAY BE THE ENDING HE CHOSE,


BUT IT'S NOT WHAT HE DESIRED.
ULTIMATELY... THIS IS JUST A TEMPORARY MOMENT OF FAKE PEACE.

HIS DEATH
DIDN'T ACTUALLY
CHANGE ANYTHING.


CRATER VALLEY COURT
MY LORD COUNT!
IS IT TRUE THAT AN OTHERWORLDER ESCAPED OUT OF CRATER PRISON?

YOU WERE JUST ACQUITTED OF ALL CHARGES REGARDING THE ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES IN THE PRISON. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THAT?

HMPH.
THERE WEREN'T ANY ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES INSIDE THAT FACILITY, AND THE ACCUSATION OF MASSACRING THE PRISONERS IS ALSO BASELESS.

THE TRUTH IS THAT THE GUARDS WHO WERE SENT TO PROTECT THE PRISONERS WERE BRUTALLY MURDERED BY THE OTHERWORLDER, ALONG WITH THE PRISONERS.

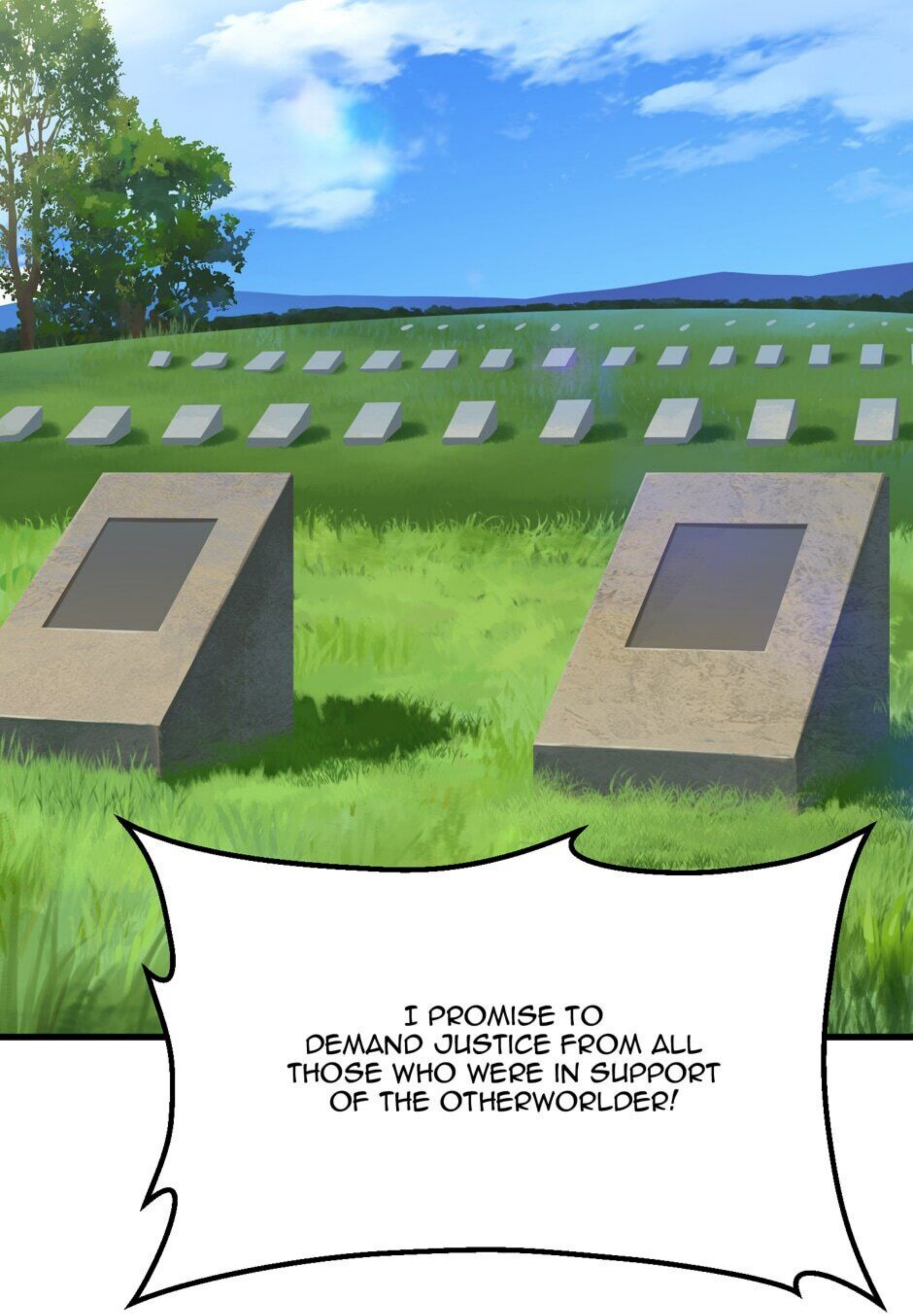
SOB
I WAS ALSO PREPARED TO SACRIFICE MY OWN LIFE FOR THE SAKE OF THE PRISONERS,

BUT I WAS SAVED BY THE COURAGEOUS ACT OF THIS BRAVE PRISONER— ***SIR LOUDE!***

TA-DAH!

I WAS SO MOVED BY HIS BRAVERY THAT I DECIDED TO APPOINT HIM AS MY HEAD KNIGHT.

ALTHOUGH THE OTHERWORLDER ALREADY GOT WHAT HE DESERVED BY BEING PUT TO DEATH THANKS TO THE SACRIFICES OF NUMEROUS HUNTERS,


I PROMISE TO DEMAND JUSTICE FROM ALL THOSE WHO WERE IN SUPPORT OF THE OTHERWORLDER!

IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT FOR US TO COME...

THANK YOU
FOR COMING WITH US.

I'M SURE BRAD WOULD BE HAPPY YOU'RE HERE.
BUT WHERE'S THE VALTARAN WARRIOR...?

IS HE NOT AWAKE YET?

HE'S AWAKE NOW, BUT...

HIS WOUNDS ARE RATHER DEEP.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TRY TOO HARD.
– ARTIS

I THINK HE NEEDS MORE TIME.

I'M SORRY.

PLIP
PLIP
I SHOULDN'T HAVE FOLLOWED THE OTHERWORLDER THEN...
HAD I GONE TO LOOK FOR THE HEALERS INSTEAD...

NONE OF THIS WOULD'VE--

EPHYR...
DO YOU REALLY
THINK THAT BRAD DIDN'T
KNOW WHAT WAS GONNA
HAPPEN TO HIM?

HE BELIEVED IN YOU! HE KNEW YOU'D BECOME AN INCREDIBLY POWERFUL HUNTER.
BUT MAYBE HE WAS WRONG, SEEING HOW MUCH OF A CRYBABY YOU ARE NOW.

I GUESS BRAD WAS WRONG ABOUT WHAT HE SAW IN YOU~

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
SK
SK
I'M EPHYR, THE GENIUS GIRL.

I'M GONNA LEVEL UP AS QUICKLY AS I CAN

AND CRUSH EVERY BAD GUY I SEE!

SHIR
I WAS HOPING TO GIVE THIS TO THE VALTARAN WARRIOR MYSELF, BUT...

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS.

TH-THIS IS
MISTER BRAD'S ARTIFACT!

NOT ONLY THAT, THIS IS WHAT WAS USED TO...

WE CAN'T TAKE THIS SPEAR.
YOU SHOULD KEEP IT SINCE YOU WERE IN HIS PARTY...

BRAD HAD ALWAYS SAID THAT HE ONLY BORROWED THIS FOR THE TIME BEING FROM THE VALTARAN WARRIOR.

HE'D ALWAYS SAY THAT HE'LL RETURN IT TO HIM ONCE HE BECOMES AS STRONG OF A WARRIOR AS THE VALTARAN.

BRAD WOULDN'T WANT THIS SPEAR TO SIT HERE AND ROT AWAY.

PLEASE MAKE GOOD USE OUT OF THIS ON YOUR JOURNEY.

TMP
TMP

I GUESS WE JUST COULDN'T REFUSE IT ANYMORE. THEY ASKED US TO JUST SELL IT ON THEIR BEHALF IF HE DOESN'T USE IT...

TMP

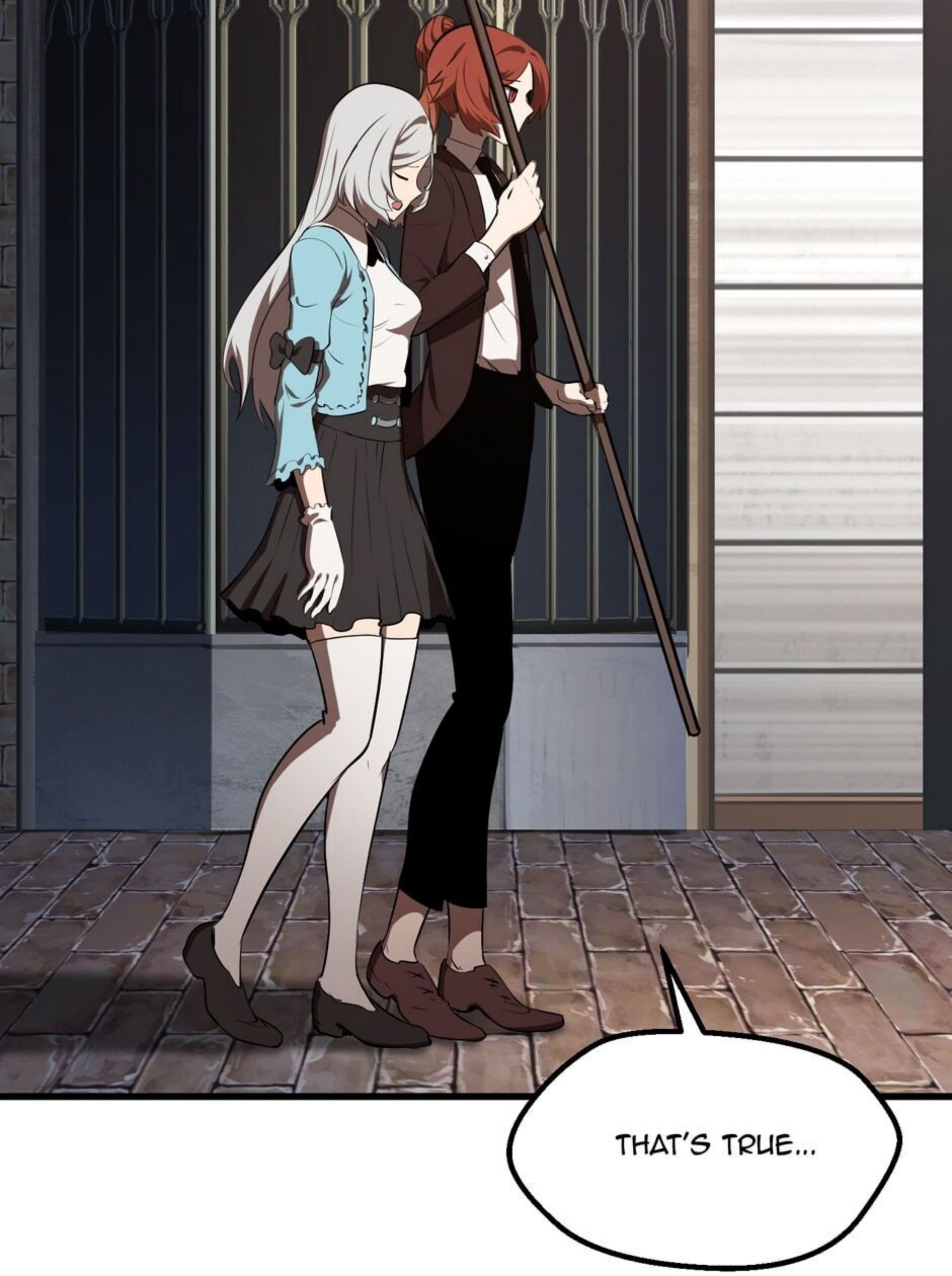
WE DON'T HAVE A SPEARMAN

IN OUR PARTY.

THEY PROBABLY DIDN'T WANT US TO FEEL TOO BURDENED.

IT'S SUCH A HEAVY BURDEN THAT EVERYONE EXPECTS US TO BECOME THAT MUCH STRONGER

SINCE WE SURVIVED.


THAT'S TRUE...

SK
BUT DO YOU THINK...

...MISTER HANBIN HATES MISTER MARTIN NOW?

WELL... MAYBE HE DOES ***BLAME*** HIM...

BUT I DON'T THINK HE CAN EVER *HATE* HIM.

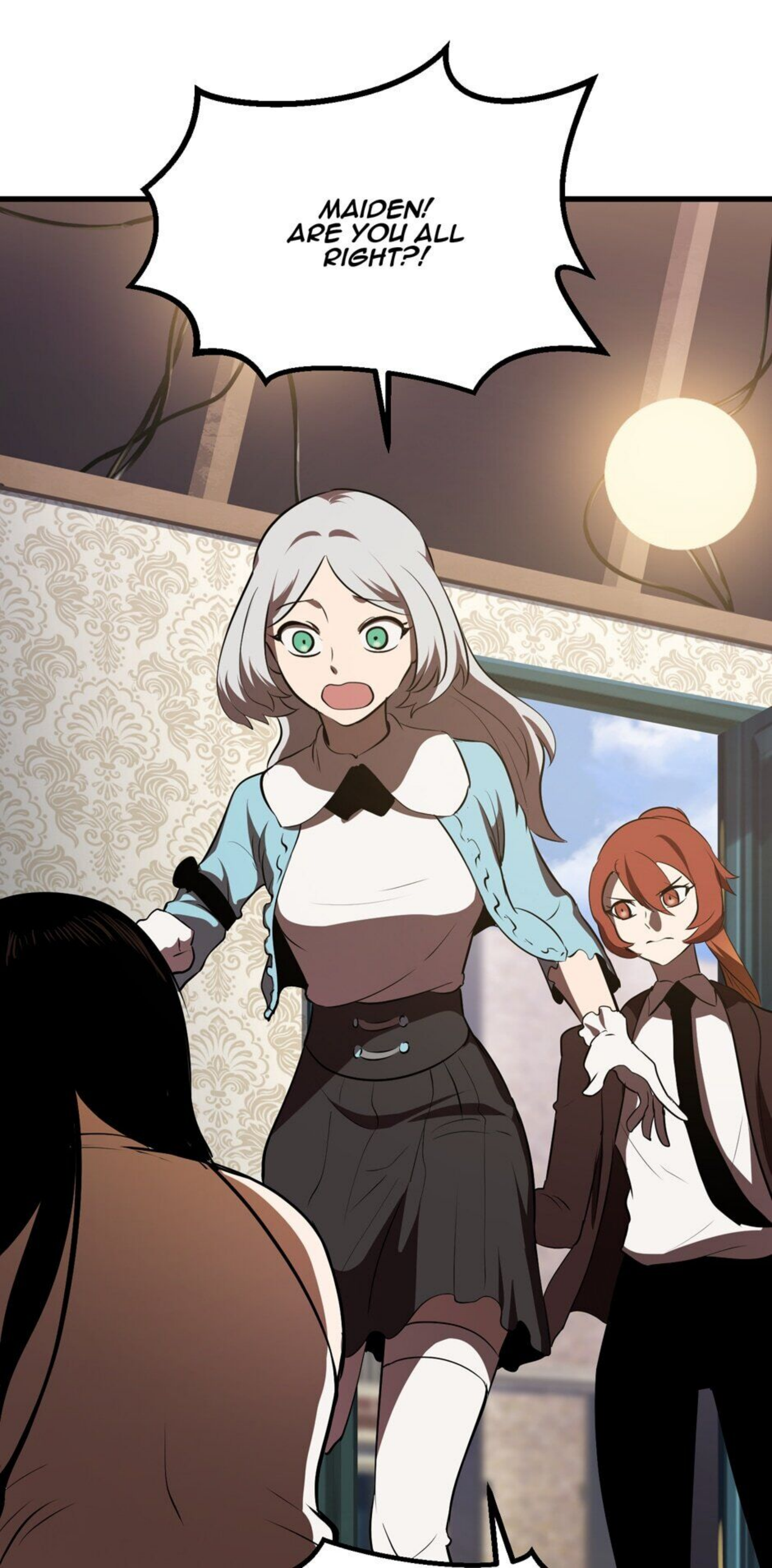
THAT'S WHAT WORRIES ME EVEN MORE.

LET'S FIRST GO TO MAIDEN AND SEE IF THERE'S ANOTHER ARTIFACT WE CAN TRADE THIS ONE WITH.

YES...

CREAK
MAIDEN, WE'RE HERE~

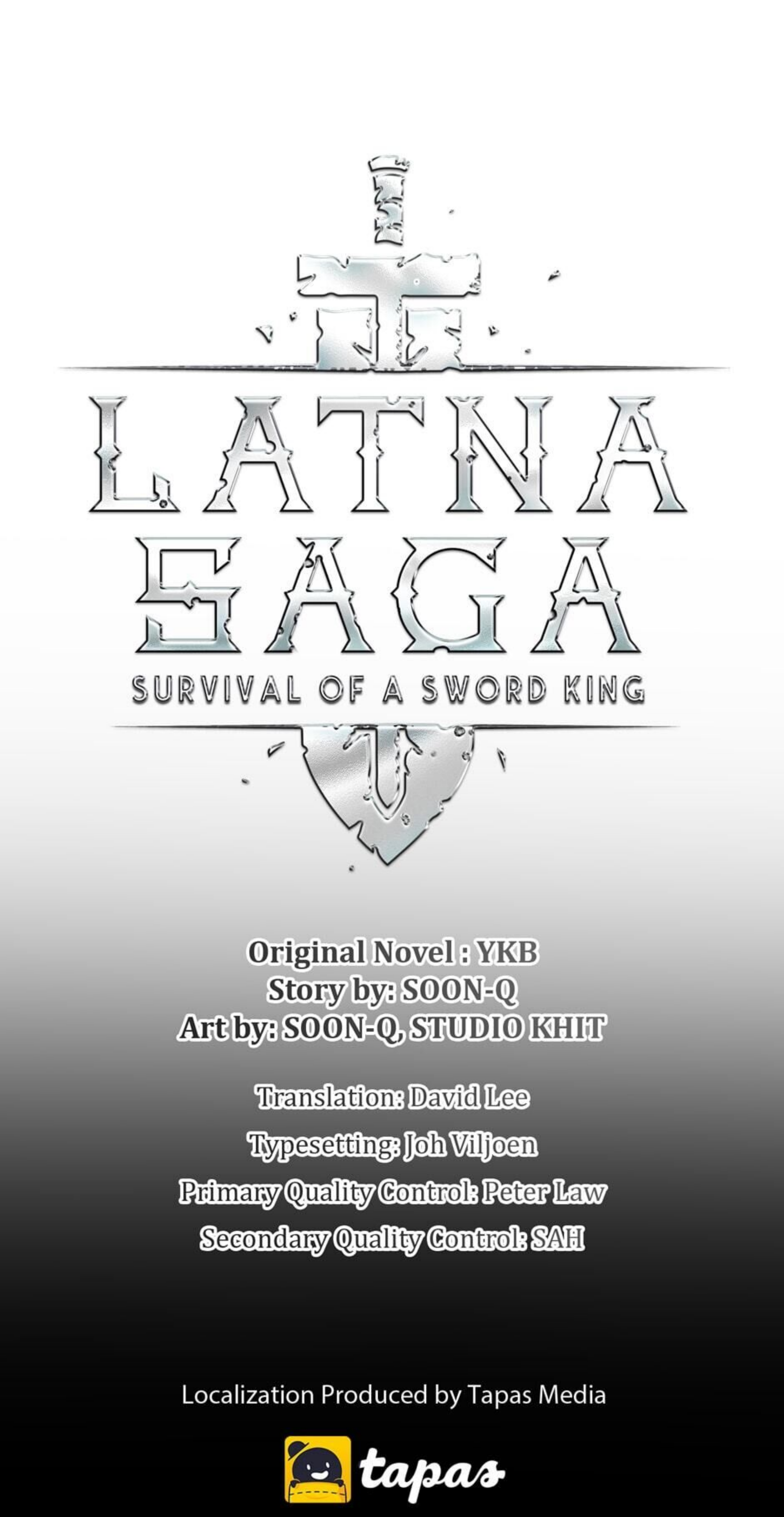
MAIDEN!!!


MAIDEN! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

WHAT HAPPENED HERE?!
EPHYR... MISTER ARTIS...

SHE...

SHE WAS HERE.



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YOU KNOW
YOU CAN'T HURT ME.

I'M THE
LORD OF YOUR
FORBIDDANCE.

THAT'S...

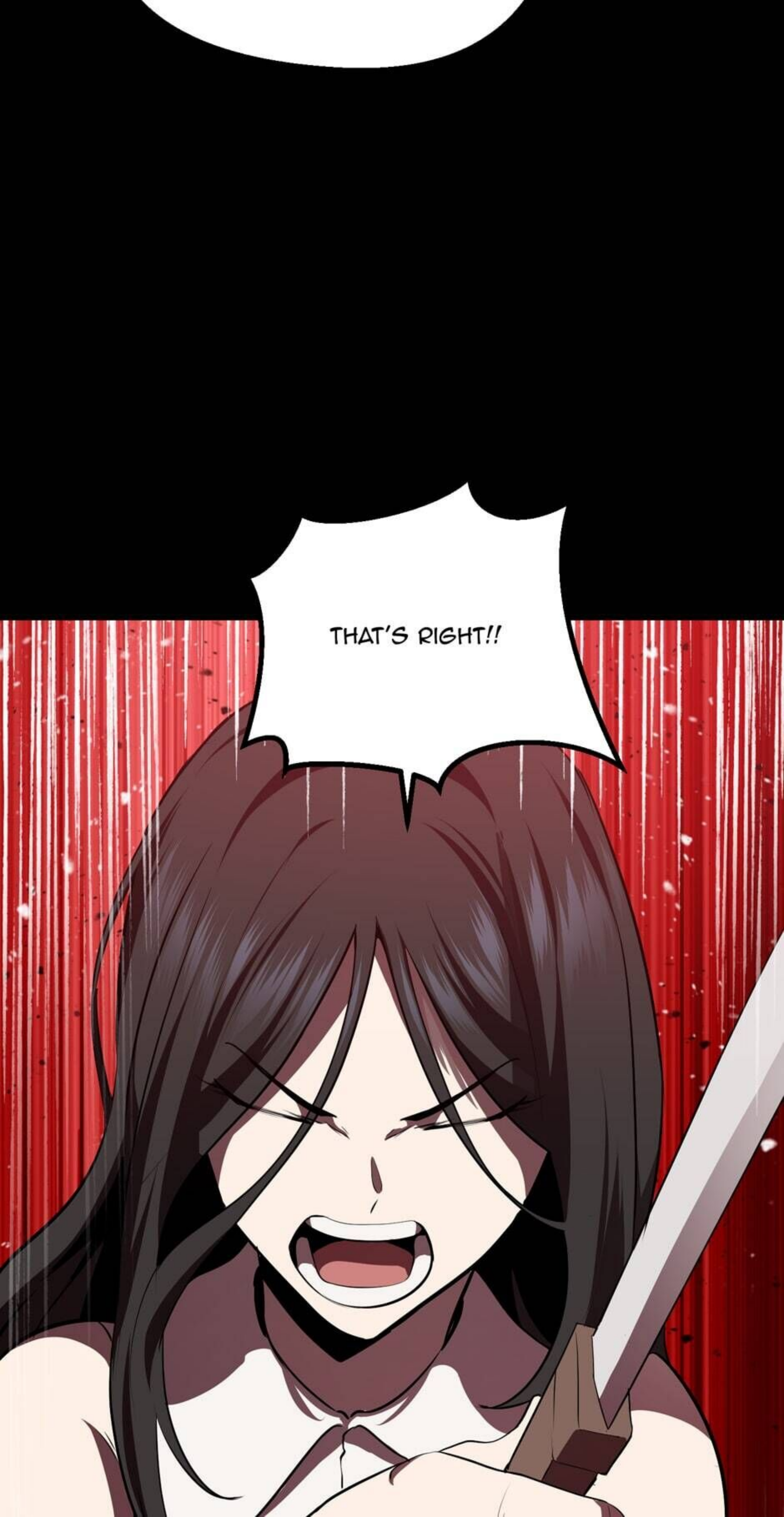
...THE SCROLL OF FORBIDDANCE!

THAT'S RIGHT! THE SPELL WILL BE ACTIVE AS LONG AS YOUR BLOOD IS ON THIS.

WHICH,

OF COURSE,
MEANS THE FORBIDDANCE
THAT'S PUT ON YOU IS
STILL ACTIVE TOO.

AND DUE
TO THAT, THE MOMENT
YOU BETRAY ME WOULD
ALSO BE THE MOMENT
OF YOUR DEATH.

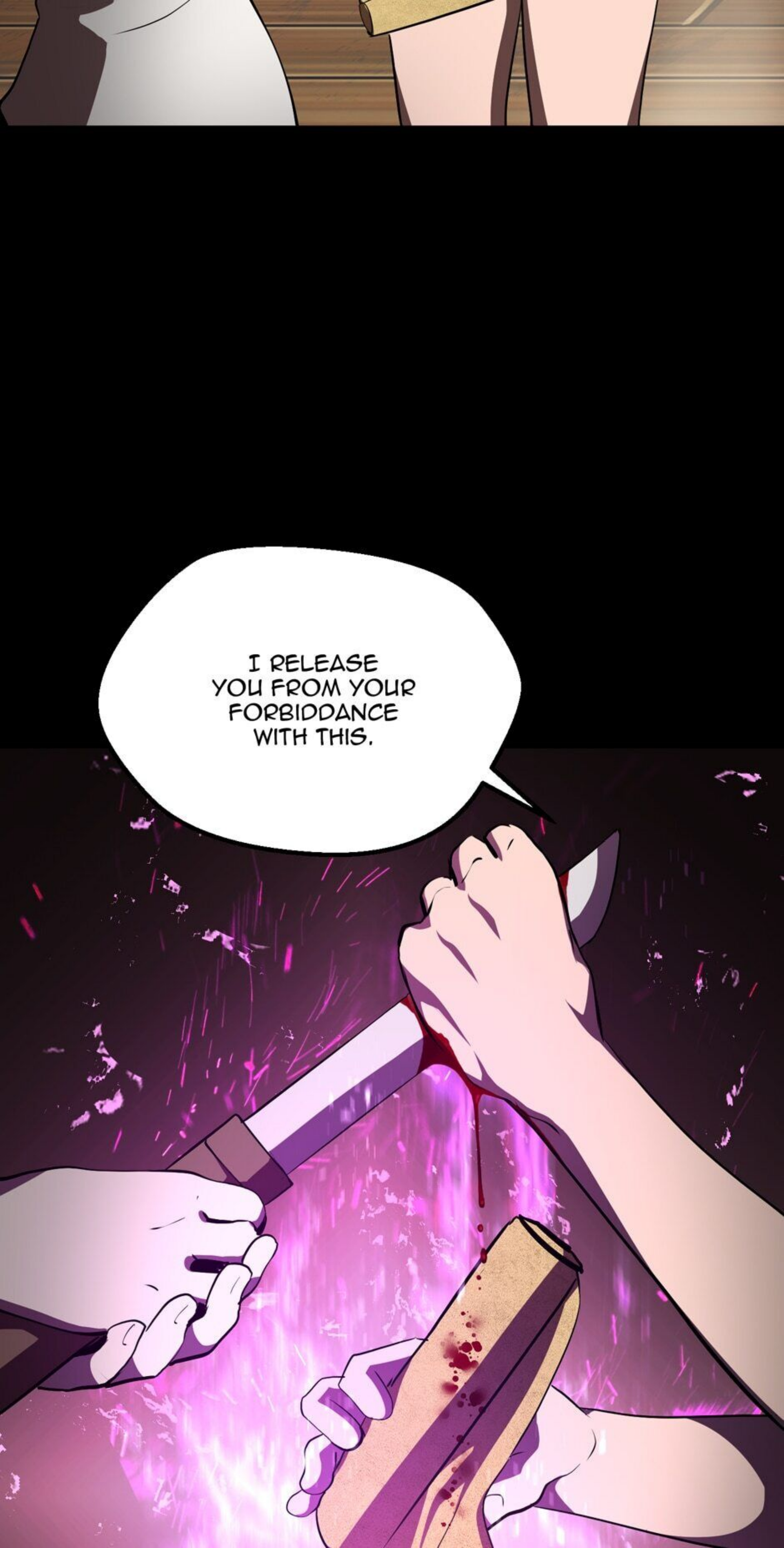

THAT'S RIGHT!!

I CAN'T EVEN SAY YOUR NAME BECAUSE OF THIS FORBIDDANCE!!

SO WHY DID YOU THROW ME AWAY? I WAS STILL SO LOYAL TO YOU!

THAT'S JUST
THE FATE OF A PAWN.

Pum


I RELEASE YOU FROM YOUR FORBIDDANCE WITH THIS.

ENJOY
YOUR FREEDOM.

PLOP

WHY... WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?

BECAUSE I'M DOING THE SAME.

MISTER ARTIS...
YOU DON'T THINK THIS
IS FAKE, DO YOU?

IT'S MY FIRST TIME SEEING A FORBIDDANCE SPELL IN REAL LIFE TOO, BUT THIS SEEMS TO BE A LEGITIMATE UNRAVELING SPELL.

...IS THIS HER WAY OF ATONING?

MY MIND USED TO GET CLEARER THE MORE AND MORE I SWUNG MY SWORD.

AT LEAST THAT'S HOW IT WAS WHEN I WAS KILLLING ALL THOSE BEASTS ON THE ROCKY MOUTAIN...

...AND THE MONSTERS IN LATNA.

ALL OF MY PROBLEMS WOULD GO AWAY WHEN I SWUNG MY SWORD AT MY ENEMIES...

BUT NOW...
I HAVE NO IDEA
HOW TO MAKE MYSELF
FEEL BETTER.

WOULD IT
HELP IF I GO AND
KILL THAT INQUISITOR
WHO KILLED LUSHIN?

OR KILL MARTIN
WHO THREW THAT SPEAR
AT LUSHIN TO AVENGE
BRAD'S DEATH?

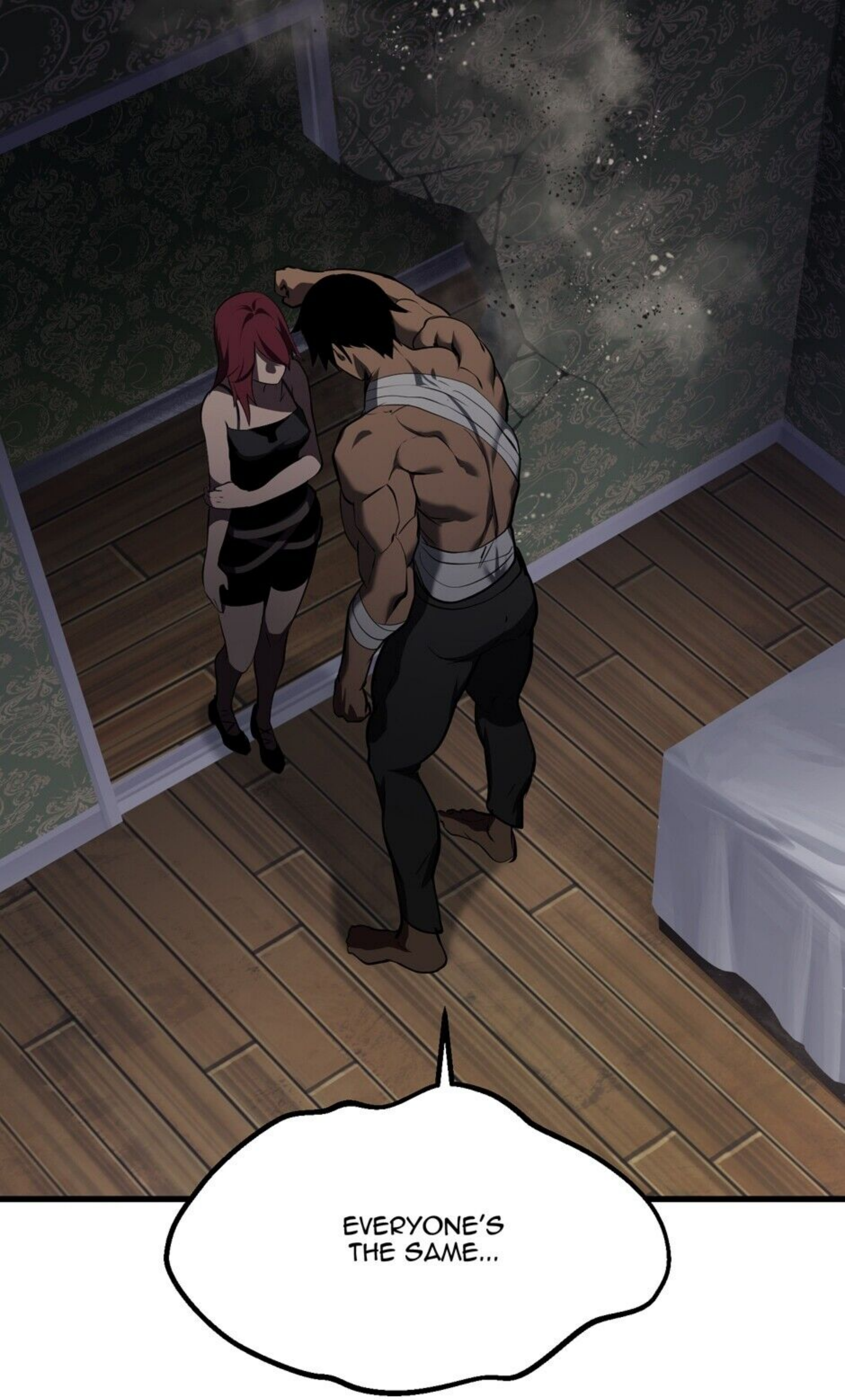
OR IF
THAT'S NOT IT...

...IF I KILL YOU FOR
PLANTING THE OMPHALOS'
BLESSING ON LUSHIN?

...YES.

IT IS MY FAULT
THAT LUSHIN DIED LIKE THAT.

BOOM


EVERYONE'S THE SAME...

YOU ALL HAVE THE SAME SAD FACE...
BUT YOU'RE ACTUALLY THE ONE WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS DEATH!

I WAS NEVER ABLE TO KEEP MY PROMISE TO HIM...
ALL I DID WAS TO FIGHT ALL THOSE MEANINGLESS BATTLES...!

UNTIL HE CAME AND SAVED MY LIFE!
HE WAS THE ONE WHO HAD REASON TO BE ANGRY AT EVERYONE...

HE COULD'VE BLAMED ALL OF US FOR HIS DEATH...
YET HE DIED SMILING!

HE DIDN'T BLAME ANYONE!

SO GET LOST.

ALL LUSHIN WANTED WAS FOR EVERYONE TO STOP FIGHTING.

BUT THE FIGHTING WILL NEVER END.

THE FORCE THAT IS MAKING EVERYONE FIGHT AND KILL AGAINST THEIR WILL...

...IS STILL THERE, JUST LAUGHING AT THEIR DEATHS.

HONESTLY...
I NEVER BOTHERED TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY WERE TRYING TO DO WITH OMPHALOS' BLESSING.
PLIP
PLIP

I JUST DID ALL THE DIRTY WORK THEY TOLD ME TO DO.
SO THIS ISN'T ABOUT BEING RIGHTEOUS OR DOING GOOD DEEDS.

YOU...!

I WON'T BLAME YOU EVEN IF YOU TELL ME THAT YOU'VE ALREADY GIVEN UP...

...AFTER I TELL YOU WHO *THEY* ARE.

I WON'T BE ABLE TO REPEAT THIS— MAKE SURE YOU REMEMBER THESE WORDS.

RED DOG
CULTURE HOUSE